



ERAIFT organizes a workshop for stakeholders in the cassava sector in the western part of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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On Tuesday February 06, 2024, ERAIFT, a category 2 center under the aegis of UNESCO, organized a workshop in Kinshasa (city-province of Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of the Congo) for stakeholders in the cassava sector in the western part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The workshop was led by Mr. Baudouin MICHEL, Mrs. Lyna MUKWA and Mr. Gabriel MOLA, respectively Director of ERAIFT/Rector of IFA Yangambi, FAO National Expert/Professor at the National Pedagogical University (NPU) and President of the Federation of Wood Manufacturers and ERAIFT Board member.

The aim of this workshop was to consult the main players in the cassava sector in the western part of the DRC in order to identify:

- Production bottlenecks and constraints;
- The opportunities offered by this sector in terms of income and employment;
- Possible interactions between these players and the industry's governance;
- Further actions to be taken to revitalize the sector;

In brief, to contribute to the functional, financial, economic, social and environmental analyses of the cassava value chain in the western part of the DRC, using the VCA4D "Value Chain Analysis for Development" method, which is a value chain (VC) analysis tool used for development actions. This tool is financed by the European Commission/DEVCO and implemented in partnership with AgriNatura. This method aims to understand and measure, using a standardized multidisciplinary approach, how agricultural value chains contribute to inclusive and sustainable growth, from a social, economic and environmental point of view.

A total of 31 participants from a variety of backgrounds took part, including producers, researchers, NGOs, civil society players, local communities and government departments.



Mr. Baudouin MICHEL, Director of ERAIFT and Rector of IFA Yangambi, explains the VCA4D method to the audience.

ERAIFT sincerely thanks Mrs Lyna MUKWA, Mr Gabriel MOLA and Mr Alexandro for their availability for this workshop. We would also like to express our gratitude to the European Union, through the AGRINATURA program, for its financial support and renewed confidence.